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In re application of:

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Serial No: Not assigned

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For: Tape Printing Apparatus and Tape Cartridge

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☒ 21 sheet(s) of drawings (☒ formal ☐ informal) is(are) enclosed.☒ 56 page(s) of specification and 1 page(s) of abstract of the invention are enclosed.☒ An assignment of the invention to SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION and KING JIM CO., LTD. ☐ is enclosed ☒ will follow.☐ An associate power of attorney ☐ is enclosed ☐ will follow.☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney ☐ is enclosed ☒ will follow.☒ A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-010091 filed January 17, 2003 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.☒ IDS enclosed (☒ with 2 reference(s)).☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.☐ Application data sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.☒ Return postcard is enclosed.

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A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	21	-20	1	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	18	
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	6	-3	3	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$86	258	
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)							276
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- ☒ 21 sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ certified copy of Japanese patent application No. 2003-010091 which was filed January 17, 2003 from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119
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